

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to apply for, accept and expend Funds in the form of a Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Fleets for the use in the City of Lowell's Department of Public Works administered through the City of Lowell to acquire one electric vehicle.

The City of Lowell will receive an amount not to exceed Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars as the City of Lowell applied to MassDEP for the grant in order to lease one Battery Electric Vehicle for the use of the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works will lease a Nissan Leaf from Enterprise Fleet and use the grant funds to make the monthly payments.

BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL, as follows:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to apply for, accept and expend Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars on behalf of the City of Lowell, from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Fleets for the use in the City of Lowell's Department of Public Works administered through the City of Lowell to acquire one electric vehicle.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager is authorized to execute the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Standard Contract form and any other documents necessary for the acceptance and expenditure of said grant funds on behalf of the City of Lowell.



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Mayor William Samaras
and
Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: Accept and Expend a Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP)
Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection

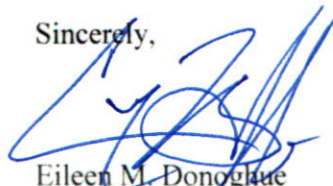
Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the City Council:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has made funds available for increasing the deployment of Electric Vehicles (EVs) and giving advanced transportation technology more visibility across the state. Their MassEVIP Fleets grant is an open enrollment grant program that provides incentive funding to public entities to acquire, through purchase or lease, light-duty battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and zero emission electric motorcycles, and EV charging stations. The City of Lowell has been notified that we have been approved for a \$5,000 grant award through this program toward the lease of an electric vehicle.

The award will allow the Department of Public Works (DPW) to lease a Nissan Leaf and to use other existing grant funds to make the monthly payments, with zero impact to their normal operating budget. In May 2019, a charging station was installed at the DPW Office as part of a pilot grant program through National Grid. By combining these grant opportunities, the City will be acquiring its first EV, outside of the Parking Enterprise Fund. We are hoping that the success of this vehicle will allow us to expand our fleet in a more sustainable manner.

Your favorable consideration of this grant program would be greatly appreciated. Attached please find a copy of the Vote to accept and expend up to \$5000 as described above.

Sincerely,


Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

for EMD

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Attachment

cc: Christine P. O'Connor, City Solicitor

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